

# STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1940

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) . . . . .	40,276
Population (N.R. Census) . . . . .	7, 915
Population (Estimated) . . . . .	7,480
Number of Houses . . . . .	2,067
New Houses built by the Council . . . . .	Nil
New Houses built by private enterprise . . . . .	Nil
Rateable value . . . . .	51,812
Product of one penny rate . . . . .	£191

Gentlemen,

I have to begin this report, which I have the honour of presenting to you, by apologising for the lateness of it.

The main reason for the delay has been that figures necessary for drawing it up were sent to me from Headquarters at a much later date than usual

### POPULATION

The figures of the population at the last census were 6,780 and those of the present resident population have been given as 7,480

### BIRTHS

The number of live births during the year was 102 - 47 males and 55 females.

There were 7 stillbirths - 3 males and 4 females

The Birth Rate was 13.9 per 1,000 population

### DEATHS

There were 84 deaths - 41 males and 43 females. On an estimates population of 7,480 this gives an annual Death Rate of 11.2 per 1,000 population. Of these deaths the largest incidence was from:-

Heart Disease	10 males	15 females
Cancer	5 males	7 females
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	8 males	3 females

### INFANTILE DEATHS:-

There were 2 deaths in children under 1 year of age, and this gives an Infantile Death Rate of 20.0 per 1,000 live births.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES:-

41 cases of notifiable disease were received:-

Scarlet Fever	8 removed and recovered
Diphtheria	8 removed and recovered
Whooping Cough	3
Measles	12
Pneumonia	3 (4 died of which one was not notified)
Puerperal Pyrexia	1 which recovered
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1 good recovery and vision unimpaired
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1 which recovered
Tuberculosis	4 no deaths

As instructed by the Ministry this is only a short summarised report. The intention is that after the cessation of hostilities or after a period of years, a comprehensive report covering that time shall be drawn up.

The Minister also asks that it be not printed, but that a typed copy should be given to each member of the Council, and the usual number of copies be sent to the Ministry and to Headquarters at Durham.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS J. KIRK M.B. Ch.B.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Stockton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for Hartlepool section of your district for the year 1940.

During the year there were 18 deaths.

There were 22 births - 12 male and 10 female.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Disease	Number of Cases	Admitted to Hospital
Measles	4	Nil
Tuberculosis	3	Nil
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	1
German Measles	1	Nil
Scarlet Fever	2	2
Diphtheria	7	6

It will be observed that there has been a fall in the number of cases notified as compared with the previous year.

#### MILK SUPPLIES

The supervision of farms is, of course, still carried out, although the number of routine inspections has had to be curtailed owing to pressure of other work. As there have been only two complaints of dirty milk during the year, it would appear that supervision has not been reduced to a serious degree.

#### AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS

The heaviest work falling on the Health Services during the year has been the organisation of Casualty Services. We had anticipated calls of this nature, and before the outbreak of war we had trained a considerable number of both men and women in the principles of first aid. Consequently, when the call came, we had no difficulty in manning all our points with volunteers. Despite losses by reason of removals, service claims etc., we have had no



difficulty in keeping our numbers up to strength.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. MATHER.

M.B. Ch.B. (Aberd) D.P.H. (Cantab)

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1940

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Stockton Rural District Council

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Sixth Annual  
Report upon the Sanitary Administration in the Rural District.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY - With few exceptions, water is supplied throughout  
the area by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepool Gas &  
Water Company.

The supply has been unrestricted and of good quality.

No shortage of water occurred during the year in the villages  
of Dalton Piercy and Elwick whose supplies are derived from the  
village pump.

DRAINS AND SEWERS

The Sewers of the district have worked satisfactorily  
during the year.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

The sewage works at Whitton and Carlton have worked  
satisfactorily; at Carlton the effluent has been good.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of refuse is carried out by private  
contract. The contract stipulates weekly collection of refuse  
from the premises provided with ashbins and ashpans and fortnightly  
collections in all other cases.

There is an urgent need for better scavenging  
arrangements, preferably by direct labour.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY  
OFFICERS ORDER 1926

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dwellinghouses (Primary inspection)	...	...	...	...	...	62
Dwellinghouses (Reinspection)	...	...	...	...	...	62
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	86
Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	52
Re Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	6
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Premises - Swine, Fowls &c	...	...	...	...	...	2
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	17
Carried forward	...	...	...	...	...	299

Brought forward:-	299
Offensive Accumulations	2
Fried Fish Shops	8
Stables	-
Factories	-
Milkshops	3
Bakehouses	2
Food and Drugs	-
Tents, Vans and Sheds	10
Miscellaneous:	
Petrol Stations, Fire Appliances,	
Schools &c	27
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## INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISIONS OF FOOD

### MILK

The supervision of the farm and the production of milk is still carried out, although curtailed owing to the many other duties.

Past conversation and co-operation with the milk producers has evidently borne good results as only two complaints of dirty milk were received during the year.

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Since the adoption of the Meat Distribution Scheme by the Ministry of Food, slaughtering has now ceased within the area, all the meat supplied to butchers in the area being drawn from Stockton and West Hartlepool.

The only inspection of carcasses has been emergency cases.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The position is summarised in the following table which gives the total number of cases notified.

DISEASE	1937	1938	1939	1940	Increase	Decrease
Scarlet Fever	18	18	19	6		13
Diphtheria	4	9	16	10		6
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	-	1		
TOTALS	22	28	35	17	-	19

### CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1940 ... Nil

The number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority ... Nil  
under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936

The estimated number of campers resident in the area during the summer season ... Nil

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No action has been required.

### BUILDINGS

During the year, plans for 10 buildings were submitted for the consideration of the Council. In all cases approval

was given.

The allocation of buildings in the respective parishes were as follows:-

	Houses	Alterations & Additions to Houses	Garages & Petrol Pumps	Farm Blds	Miscel- laneous
Egglescliffe		1	2		4
Dalton Piercy		1			
Norton			1		1
		2	3		5

The number of these buildings completed during the year was 10.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G.W.T. BROWN, A.R.S.I.. M.A.S.I.,

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.

